

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 9, 17, and 18 are amended for purposes of expediting prosecution to include limitations related to the access characteristics including ownership rights to the device and clarifying that ownership rights indicate one of shared use or exclusive use of the device. In addition, the added limitations indicate that at least one of the combinations of access characteristics specifies shared use ownership rights and at least one other access characteristic. Support for these limitations may be found in the specification on page 6, line 5, and on page 8, line 14, for example. These limitations are not shown in the prior art, nor does the prior suggest this combination of limitations.

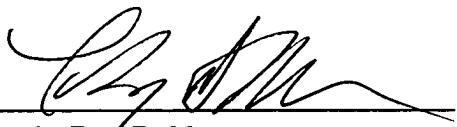
Claims 4, 12, and 19 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter of the original claims (prior to amendment) and subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent prosecution.

The Office Action does not establish that claims 1-2, 4, 7-10, 12 and 15-19 are anticipated under 35 USC §102(e) by "Henn" (U.S. Patent No. 6,859,879 to Henn et al.). The rejection is respectfully traversed because all the limitations are not shown to be taught by Henn. The rejection is now moot, however, because the independent claims are amended.

Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the amended claims and remarks set forth above. No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HPCO.039PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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